Exhibit D

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                IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
                FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
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                         NASHVILLE DIVISION
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      MICHAEL DAVID SILLS and,
      MARY SILLS,
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           Plaintiffs,
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                                     ) Case No. 3:23-cv-00478
      vs.
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      SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, ) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
      a non-profit corporation;
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      et al.,
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           Defendants.
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                    THE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF
13
                          WILLIE MCLAURIN
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                    Wednesday, December 4, 2024
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MS. MCNULTY: -- answer the question.
                                                              1 you maintained a Twitter account; is that right?
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                MR. BEAN: So you -- just to be
                                                                       I did maintain a personal Twitter account.
 3 clear, you're saying at any time, was he in favor -- at
                                                                        And I think you answered in some written
                                                              3 Q.
 4 -- at the time the list was released -- you're not
                                                              4 discovery that you personally maintained the account?
    saying in the confines of any executive session
                                                                In other words, you didn't have a person tweeting for
    meeting, what -- what was discussed? It's --
                                                              6 you?
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                MS. MCNULTY: Correct.
                                                              7 A.
                                                                        Yeah. That -- that's too personal to be
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                MR. BEAN: Okay.
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                                                                having other people do that.
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   BY MS. MCNULTY:
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                                                                Q.
                                                                       Did you ever, at any time while you were
10 O.
            After the report was published, were you in
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                                                                interim president, discuss a retraction of the
11 favor of releasing the list?
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                                                                statements made about David Sills?
12 A.
            After the report was published, there was a --
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13 a -- there was a -- a general consensus from our
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                                                                       Okay. I'm going to mark as Exhibit 7 your
14 trustees at the Executive Committee that the list, as a
                                                                answers to interrogatories.
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15 matter of transparency, needed to be released.
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                                                                           (Exhibit No. 7 was marked.)
16 O.
            You were not in opposition to that? I mean,
                                                                           MR. BEAN: And they're his
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17 you were in favor of that, yes?
                                                                supplemental responses, just to be clear for the
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18 A.
            I was not in opposition to that. My name is
                                                                record.
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   on the -- on the release.
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                                                                           MS. MCNULTY: Thank you.
20 Q.
            Yeah, okay. Well, this is -- I'm going to
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                                                                           MR. BEAN: You're welcome.
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    mark as Exhibit 6 Lyell 00185173, which is a tweet.
                                                            21 BY MS. MCNULTY:
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                (Exhibit No. 6 was marked.)
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                                                                       Okay. As you flip through the document, have
23 BY MS. MCNULTY:
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                                                                you seen this document before?
24 Q.
            Sir, I'm going to represent to you -- this is
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                                                                A.
                                                                       I have.
25 a --
                                                             25 O.
                                                                        Okay. Did you supply the information that
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           Yes. I'm -- I'm sure --
                                                              1 forms the answers to the supplemental interrogatories?
 1 A.
 2 Q.
           You sure can.
                                                              2 A.
                                                                        Yes.
 3 A.
           -- I know what this is, but --
                                                              3 Q.
                                                                       Okay. Or the supplemental answers to the
 4
   O.
           Yeah.
                                                              4 interrogatories.
           -- let me make sure. Okay.
                                                                And if you go to the last page, is your signature
 5 A.
 6 Q.
           Yeah, okay.
                                                                present? Well, it's page 15, to be exact.
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 7 A.
           Thank you.
                                                                           MR. BEAN: I think it's page 18.
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 8 Q.
           This is a -- a document that was produced by
                                                                           MS. MCNULTY: Then we're looking at
   Jennifer Lyell in this case. It's a -- a screenshot of
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                                                                different answers. Let me see what the title is on
10 -- of a tweet reflecting your joint statement with
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                                                                this one.
11 Pastor Slade. It's very small print.
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                                                                           MR. BEAN: I can give you -- I've got
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              MR. BEAN: We just saw that earlier,
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                                                                an extra copy, if you'd like one.
13 right?
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                                                                           MS. MCNULTY: Sure. That'd be great.
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                                                                           MR. BEAN: So these are the
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              MS. MCNULTY: That's right, yeah.
                                                                supplemental responses.
15 BY MS. MCNULTY:
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16 Q.
           And you understood that when you would make a
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                                                                           MS. MCNULTY: Okay.
   statement or a joint statement, that it would be
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                                                                           MR. BEAN: Page 18.
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                                                                           MS. MCNULTY: So I want to be clear
18 released by Twitter, right?
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           My understanding is when we make a joint
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                                                                that --
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20 statement, it's going to be released through the
                                                                           MR. BEAN: Okay.
                                                                           MS. MCNULTY: -- Exhibit 7 is
21 official Baptist Press. I make no assumptions as to
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                                                                Defendant Willie McLaurin's first supplemental
22 who or what will release it in any other venue. I just
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                                                                responses to Plaintiff's amended first set of
23 always assume that once it's out there, it's out there,
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24 whether it's snail mail or electronically.
                                                            24 interrogatories to Defendants.
25 O.
                                                            25 BY MS. MCNULTY:
           And at the time you were interim president,
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